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Stage Being Set For Invasion Of Europe

Intensive Allied Traffic In Mediterranean: North African Ports "Very Busy"

HITLER CALLS BACK U-BOATS TO HOME WATERS

STOCKHOLM, June 28.

Neutral correspondents in Berlin to-day reported that the tension is increasing in the southern districts in consequence of Allied invasion preparations.

Reports from German sources assert that British and United States shipping traffic through the Mediterranean is now very intensive and all North African ports are "very busy".

U-BOATS CALLED TO HOME WATERS

LONDON: Hitler has ordered a large part of Germany's U-boat fleet to return to their German and Italian bases ready for an attack by the Allied invasion fleet, according to an Ankara report to New York.

WHERE ALLIES WILL LAND

Italian U-Boats have also been ordered to return to port, the Vichy radio says and the feeling is strong in Italy that the Allies will land there rather than in any other European theatre.

AXIS FORTIFICATIONS

German Labour Corps from the eastern front have been withdrawn and sent to the Mediterranean coast to construct a south wall against the invasion according to Stockholm reports, and the Algiers radio says that large numbers of Jews, Greeks and Russians are being sent to build fortifications along the Black Sea.

DISPOSITION OF HITLER'S DIVISIONS

The Vichy radio says that the Germans have ten divisions in Norway, forty in France, Belgium and Holland, fifteen on the French Mediterranean coast, [illegible] in Italy and fifteen in the Balkans.

WORST SUFFERER FROM ALLIED RAIDS

The area between Cologne and Bochum has suffered more damage than any other German district which was not a theatre of war in the operational sense according to an Axis report from Brussels.

"QUISLINGS" GET NERVOUS

Indications of the nervousness of Norwegian and Belgian Quislings are contained in two reports received via Stockholm to-day. The first says that many Norwegian Quislings are making great efforts to terminate party membership and in the second the Belgian newspaper "Pays Reel" is quoted as saying "in the event of Allied victory, we believe and our adversaries take every opportunity to confirm this opinion, we should witness the most tremendous outburst of hatred."

MORE CANADIAN ARMOUR.

Three Canadian armoured and infantry regiments have arrived safely at a British port. They came to Britain in a troop convoy, which included large numbers of reinforcements for all arms and services of the Canadian army overseas.

EVIL SUMMER FOR AXIS.

WASHINGTON: The British shuttle bombing of Germany and Italy from Britain and Africa "is the swallow which foreshadows an evil summer for the Axis", says the 'Washington Post'. The newspaper emphasises that the shuttle bombing system must greatly disperse the Axis fighter and anti-aircraft strength and prevent the Axis from rushing fighters to points where returning bombers could be intercepted and further unifies Allied bombing strength.

FULL BACKING FOR EISENHOWER.

NEW YORK: A Washington despatch to the Associated Press said: "With military operations across the Mediterranean on a major scale closely impending, the United States Government were revealed last night as ready to back up Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to the limit in whatever steps he may find necessary to eliminate any threat to success created by political controversy between Generals de Gaulle and Giraud.

This is said on the basis of unimpeachable authorities, who cannot be quoted directly."

BOISSON RESIGNS.

ALGIERS: M. Pierre Boisson has resigned his post as the Governor-General of French West Africa. The French Committee of Liberation has accepted the resignation asking M. Boisson to remain pending the appointment of his successor.

AXIS AIRFIELD BOMBED

LONDON: 'Misquito' intruders penetrating deep into France during the night bombed one airfield, two railway yards and damaged two locomotives, states the Air Ministry. One pilot bombed Orleans railway siding. All planes returned safely. An air-arm pilot straddled two R-boats off Cherbourge with bombs.

BERLIN KEEPS MUM

Up to 9-15 G.M.T., this morning, no German radio stations had made any reference to any R.A.F. raid on Germany last night, although earlier the Paris radio said that the R.A.F. was over Germany during the night.

There is no confirmation in London of Paris report.

RAID-FREE NIGHT FOR BRITAIN

Britain had another raid-free night. Sunday night's brief alert in London was stated to be due to mistaken identity when a British plane flew across the capital.

TWO AXIS SHIPS SUNK

Air Ministry announces: "Two enemy ships were sunk, another which was set on fire had to be beached and three more were damaged and left at a standstill after being attacked by Fighter Command Typhoons and Hurricanes early today. Five enemy coasters were found sailing in a line off the Dutch coast. Typhoon fighters went in first and despite intense flak from the coasters closed in from 600 to 50 feet with their guns blazing. They saw strikes all over an 800-tonner with explosions and yellow flames suggesting that ammunition had been hit. One of two 600-tonners both of which were hit, caught fire after an explosion. The 800-tonner was later seen beached and on fire".

S. A. Congress Demand Severance Of Diplomatic Relations And Recall Of High Commissioner

JOHANNESBURG, June 28.

By 49 votes to 13 the South African Congress rejected a motion by Mr. A. I. Kajee, calling on the Governments of India and South Africa to convene a Round Table Conference on which Indians would be represented to review the Union Government's policy regarding Indians and to determine whether the obligations assumed by the two Governments under the Captetown Agreement had been fulfilled.

BREAK OF CAPETOWN AGREEMENT

By the same figures the Congress adopted a substantive motion demanding that the Government of India sever diplomatic relations with the Government of the Union and recall the High Commissioner. The motion declares that the Pegging Act is a violation of the uplift clauses of the Capetown Agreement, and firmly believes that the self-respect and honour of India demand that India's 'izzat' be maintained in the eyes of the world by the severance of relations.

The Congress is now considering the United Front motion and the debate is heated. The vote is expected to be narrowly in favour of such a political front with Africans and coloured people.—Reuter.

FOOD CONFERENCE

Tacit Admission Of Govt.'s Failure Of Price Control

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, June 28.

The decision to call Food Conference here by the end of next week (July 8 provisional date) is indicative of two things. Firstly, it is a tacit admission by the Government of India of the failure of their control policy which started with control of prices and ended in contemplated Free Trade.

It also indicates refusal to dictation by provinces from the centre.

What price loyalty, is the question often asked in high quarters here. Demand for silver in payment for wheat in the Punjab has only one "deplorable satisfactory" namely want of confidence in country's currency. Government's decision to call conference of provincial and States' representatives is, therefore, regarded as a move in the right direction.

FLARE-UP ON SOVIET FRONT?

Vichy Says It Looks Like Prelude To Large-Scale Offensive

LONDON, June 28.

The Vichy radio said this afternoon that there has been a flare-up on the Donetz and Kuban front, which "looks like the prelude to the impending large-scale offensive."

MOSCOW, June 28.

The supplement to to-day's 'communique' says that in one sector of Karelian (Finnish) front, Soviet troops captured a fortified height after sharp hand-to-hand encounter.

In the Sevsk area, Red Army gunners shelled highways behind German lines and smashed a battery of three heavy guns north-west of Mtsensk in the Orel 'bulge' sector.

QUEEN MARY TO RUN HER OWN FACTORY

LONDON, June 28.

Queen Mary is to run her own war factory in the grounds of a west country house which she has made her home, says the "Daily Mail' to-day.

"She decided on this method of personal contribution to the war effort after she had visited dozens of Britain's leading factories.

Queen Mary will attend almost daily to supervise the work of assembling electrical parts. Members of her household will join in the work."—Reuter.

49 INJURED IN ARMY PLANE MISHAP

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.

Forty-nine persons were injured when a blazing army plane crashed at Huntington beach, California on Sunday.

SECOND LL. B. EXAM. RESULTS

The following are the results of the Second LL.B. Examination which was held in April 1943, under the University of Bombay:—

FIRST CLASS (In order of Merit): Nos. 72 103 131 554 834.

SECOND CLASS: Nos. 5 9 12 15 17 18 20 21 22 25 27 29 31 34 36 42 45 46 53 61 64 66 70 76 77 78 79 81 86 89 92 101 102 107 112 113 115 118 120 123 124 128 129 133 137 141 146 147 149 152 161 163 166 169 173 174 179 180 181 182 183 185 192 193 194 195 199 200 202 206 212 214 221 222 223 225 306 308 310 316 318 319 321 326 328 329 330 332 334 337 338 339 359 362 364 365 369 370 371 376 383 384 387 389 394 396 398 399 401 402 407 411 416 418 419 426 427 431 432 434 436 437 438 442 447 448 449 450 451 455 456 457 458 462 464 466 472 473 477 526 530 533 538 541 543 544 546 551 552 560 561 562 570 571 577 585 596 597 598 599 600 607 613 614 615 618 625 629 631 632 633 635 639 643 644 647 648 651 655 685 688 692 694 708 713 720 721 722 724 730 731 735 736 740 745 744 749 763 765 768 771 772 775 780 781 782 783 785 786 790 794 796 797 801 807 812 813 816 818 821 822 823 824 827 835 837 840 842 845 848 852.

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The Scholarships and the Prize have been awarded as under:—

The Arnould Scholarship to No. 72, April 1943. The Judge Spencer Prize to No. 72, April 1943. The Mancherji Nowroj Banaji Scholarship to No. 456 April 1943. The Sir Narayan G. Chandavarkar Hindu Law Scholarship divided between Nos. 103 and 554, April 1943. The Gussie K. Kanga Scholarship to No. 834, April 1943.

The awards of the Scholarships and the Prize have been made on the results of the Second LL.B. Examinations held in October 1942 and April, 1943.

33,000 Million Dollars For U. S. Navy!

WASHINGTON:—President Roosevelt signed the largest Naval Appropriation Bill in American history providing approximately 33,000 million dollars for the fiscal year starting on July 1st. Five thousand million dollars of the total amount is to provide the navy with additional 27,000 planes.—Reuter.

Kiska And Solomons Bases Attacked

WASHINGTON.—Seven air attacks on Kiska on June 26 and the bombing of five Japanese bases in the Solomons on June 27th are reported in Monday's naval communique.—Reuter.

Japanese Withdrawing In Pacific

"Proceeding Towards Home Bases"

WASHINGTON: The Japanese are withdrawing in the Pacific, according to the United States Deputy Chief of Staff. 'Our operations in the Pacific have turned the tide of the Japanese advance into gradual withdrawal towards their home bases."—Reuter.

Madame Chiang To Rush Back To Homeland

WASHINGTON. The Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr. T. V. Soong, has announced that Madame Chiang Kai Shek is returning to Chungking soon without visiting London.—Reuter.

WOES OF BIJAPUR

Mr. A. V. Thakkar, Chairman, Bijapur Relief Committee in the course of a statement says:

The district of Bijapur is a specially unfortunate one. The succession of three bad years has impoverished it very much and the people are not able to stand on their own legs.

I will enumerate below in serial order, the woes and wailings of the docile and mute Bijapurians. Heretofore I had restrained myself from ventilating their woes and grievances in the press, but I now feel compelled to do so.

SUPPLIES CUT DOWN

Government have cut down the grain supplies of the district by exactly one half and in some cases to 37 1/2 per cent or three-eighth of the former quota, which was one seer per adult per day upto a month ago. Now it is only half a seer and the Government does not sell to any one more than this ration.

Mind you, they have no fish or fruit, no ghee or milk, no eggs or vegetables as in Bombay. They have merely Bajri bread and a little chutney for their daily food.

But to the adult, infirm and aged people who have to live on Government charity in these times, Government are granting only 30 tolas instead of 40, the reduced and halved ration, and to children below 12 years only 15 tolas.

This is less than what is provided by the Famine Relief Code and also by Jail rules and recommended as minimum for keeping body and soul together.

In the two northern talukas of Indi and Sindgi even this reduced ration is not sold by Government to anybody but famine labourers.

Agriculturists who plough and sow their lands, field labourers, village artisans and others in these two talukas are not getting anything even on payment and have to shift for themselves as best they can by smuggling food grains from the adjoining Nizam's territory and paying for the grain at four seers a rupee in advance, giving large profits to middlemen.

On relief work as a rule the P. W. D. officers in charge do not give any doles to the aged and infirm dependants and children of the labourers, though the F. R. Code enjoins on them to do so by providing either cooked food or cash dole.

The P. W. D of Bijapur have evolved its own Code and have put the Government of Bombay Code in cold storage and go by their own stingy and miserly methods.

The method of payment, rather the want of method in payment of the famine labourers, is reprehensible. The Code enjoins that they shall be paid bi-weekly on large works and weekly on small works.

But here they are paid, though weekly a week or two or three weeks after the wages become due. In a few cases, meagre advances are given against the wages due, but it is more an exception than the rule.

Keeping the labourers' wages for 1 or 2 weeks in arrears always keeps them in a state of semi-starvation, at least underfeeding. Their children and adult non-working dependants have to be fed from the earnings of the workers whose wages are delayed by weeks. Can there be greater callousness than this?

There is a great shortage of clerks, maistris and such subordinate staff on works. This leads to great inefficiency and less quantity of work being turned out by the workers. That means much wastage of State funds besides leading to demoralisation of workers.

The Famine Relief Code prescribes that mustering clerks should be paid Rs. 25 to 35 in normal times; but in these abnormal times they are offered only Rs. 15 plus 7 (as dearness allowance) as "Writing-Mukadams" and Rs. 20 plus 7 as master clerks.

Instead of getting more pay than the Code provides, they are given less, though the cost of living has more than doubled. The result is a great shortage of clerks and, therefore, much lack of supervision and hence lesser work turned out.

WATER SCARCITY

Even water in adequate quantity is not always supplied to the labourers on works. They often have to drink water from the nearest dirty pools to the great detriment of their health. Where this will lead to cannot be said now.

Ten lakhs of people have their destinies in the hands of the indifferent and occasionally unsympathetic officers. The man on the spot theory has the greatest claim. How often have the supervision officers (other than the District officers) gone to Bijapur and for how many days and which works have they visited?

If a disaster has to be avoided the number of relief workers should increase to double the present number, that is, about a lakh and a half. And in that case, work cannot be provided for them and they cannot be kept alive.

A larger supply of grain, that is, of more than half a seer per adult per day, has to be provided to prevent semi-starvation and consequent deaths. Will those responsible look into the whole question thoroughly and set matters right before it is too late?

AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS

Join British Fleet In Mediterranean

STOCKHOLM: The German-controlled Swedish Telegraph Bureau reports from Rome that American battleships have reached the Mediterranean and joined the British fleet there. The Bureau adds that the arrival of these ships has further strengthened the Italian impression that an invasion is immediately pending.—Reuter.

RAIL-ENGINES FOR INVASION OF EUROPE

LONDON, June 27.

Britain's locomotive manufacturing firms have been building railway engines for some time now for use in the invasion of Europe. These engines are specially made to pull types of rolling stock on any 4 ft. 8 1/2" gauge in any part of the world. Engineers have economised to the utmost in materials and man hours.

Plight Of Labourers On Famine Relief Work

(From Our Correspondent)
BIJAPUR, June 28.

The daily bread ration for prisoners doing hard labour in Bijapur jail is 60 tolas, 30 tolas given to labourers on famine relief works are disastrous for their working capacity and health. It is reported that there has been a decided increase recently in food offence in this district.

Women's Appeal To Wavell

FRIENDLY SETTLEMENT WITH INDIANS URGED

(From Our Own Correspondent)
LONDON, June 28.

The Indian Women's Committee of the India League of which Mrs. Jai Kishore Handoo is the Honorary Secretary convened a delegates' conference of women's organisations on Saturday to consider the "situation in India" and the immediate steps which should be taken by British women in relation to it.

CHANGE IN POLICY URGED

The delegates expressed the belief that a change in British Government's policy towards India was essential for her full co-operation with the United Nations in their struggle against anti-Fascism.

MESSAGE TO WAVELL

THE CONFERENCE UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO GENERAL WAVELL:—"NO SERVICE THAT YOU HAVE RENDERED TO THIS COUNTRY IN THE PAST COULD BE DEEMED MORE COURAGEOUS AND MORE WORTHY THAN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A FRIENDLY SETTLEMENT WITH THE INDIAN PEOPLE."

The delegates also unanimously came to the following conclusions: firstly, the deadlock must come to an end, secondly, the political leaders of the country who are at present imprisoned must be released; thirdly, negotiations must be opened for the establishment of a provisional Indian National Government.

The Conference is supported by Mrs. Corbett Ashby, Miss Barbara Drake J. P., Miss Agatha Harrison, Mrs. Dorothy Hickmann, Miss Johnson, Miss Beatrix Lehmann, Actress Miss Hilde Merchant, Fleet Street Columnist Miss Louis Morgan, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mrs. Marjorie Pollitt, Miss Diana Pym, Mrs. Muriel Sorensen, Miss Dorothy Woodman, Mrs. Joan Beauchamp, Miss Bhikoo Batliwala, Mrs. Ashalata Bhattacharya and Mrs. Sujata Khanna.

GEN. GIRAUD GOING TO U. S.

WASHINGTON: The White House confirms that General Giraud is coming to the United States.—Reuter.

CITY MARKETS

BOMBAY, Monday.

SHARES: No business was done today on the local Stock Exchange as a mark of honour to the death of Sheth Lalbhai Hirachand, a member of the Exchange.

BULLION: The local Bullion Market was easy to-day on increased selling pressure. The decline in cloth prices induced increased selling and buyers were holding aloof. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 122-12 and forward quotation were Rs. 122-6. Ready Gold stood at Rs. 82-11 and forward business was done at Rs. 82-5. Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 57-8 and tone of the market was quiet.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (October).
NEW YORK, June 28.

Previous Closing	....	20.00
To-day's Opening	....	19.98
Difference	....	—.02
To-day's Closing	.....	20.05
Difference	.....	+.05

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, June 28.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

General Motors $55-1/8.
Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted.
United States Steel Common $56-5/8.
United States Steel Pref. unquoted.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, June 28.

Tata Ordinary 413, Tata Deferred 2047-8, Indian Iron 35-6. Steel Corpn. of Bengal 27-6. Bombay Dyeing 2012-8, Central India 436-4, Century 817, Gokak 336-4, Kohinoor 825, Simplex 313, Andhra Valley 1890, Tata Hydro 202-8, Tata Power 1822-8, Associated Cement 229-8, Belapur 222-8, Bombay Burma (old) 867-6.

TEXTILE CONTROL BOARD

Committees Appointed To Tackle Control Scheme

Hydari Promises Govt.'s Co-operation

The first meeting of the Textile Control Board was held at the Secretariat, on Monday when it proceeded with the work of appointing various committees.

The committees and their sub-committees will meet and discuss various problems connected with cloth control scheme, for this whole week. The Panel will meet again on Thursday.

The Industries Committee, the virtual Executive Committee of the Panel, will meet on Tuesday (to-day). It is likely three sub-Committees under this Committee will be appointed and the question of control and the fixing of price of standard cloth will be discussed and decided. The decisions taken by this Committee and the Sub-Committee will be put into execution in all the Provinces and the States in consultation with the respective Provincial and State Governments.

MONOPOLY COMMITTEES

It is understood that the composition of the Industries and other Committees came in for criticism at the first meeting of the Panel. Such an important Committee as the Industries Committee, it appears to have been pointed out, was entirely packed with millowners, and that it would consist of all the twelve members of the old Textile Advisory Panel, who were all millowners and three members of the Yarn Sub-Committee, who were again millowners. While it was conceded that the Government by its order of June 16 had not prohibited the formation of such a committee, it was pointed out that the inclusion of other interests would help in dispelling public suspicions and tend to enlist public sympathy and support.

A move on the part of a prominent millowner seeking to annul the existing Provincial Control orders, like the anti-hoarding measure of the U. P. Government, in view of the powers vested in the Panel, seemed to have made matters worse. The protest, seemed to have been raised and at the request of the Chairman, the proposal was not pressed.

OLD ORDINANCES MUST GO

It is argued on behalf of those who have the interests of the Industries Committee at heart that the Committee and full authority to the Provincial Governments to annul past and existing ordinances affecting most of the schemes which the Board proposes to introduce. It is also argued that in the sub-committees to be appointed, those with the knowledge of technical matters would be represented in them. A sub-committee to discuss the question of standardisation, it is pointed out, must include representatives of labour.

The Panel also took up the question of appointing seven more committees; the Mill Stores and Priority Assistance Committee (which is already existing); the Cotton Movements (existing) Committee; the Cotton Committee dealing with cotton prices; Transport Committee; the Handloom Committee; Exports Committee to deal with exports of cloth and yarn as also cotton; and Distribution Committee which will deal with all matters connected with anti-hoarding and distribution of cloth. All these Committees have been appointed and additional members will be co-opted.

It was suggested that most of these Committees were weighted with interests which are regarded as "vested".

It is understood that the Forward Delivery Contracts by Mills, will be operative even after July 31st when the Cloth Control Order comes into operation. This is explained as due to the absence of any price-fixing measures to deal with other varieties of cloth not classified as Standard Cloth.

"Important Stage Of Progress Completed",

An assurance that the Industries and Civil Supplies Department of the Government of India will assist in every way it can, the Textile Control Board in its task was given by Mr. M. S. A Hydari, Secretary of the Industries Department, opening the first meeting of the Board at noon.

"With the constitution of this Board of Control and the appointment of the Textile Commissioners" Mr. Hydari said: "We have completed an important stage in our forward progress; but, this is only "the end of the beginning" and the time is not yet either for or for the Government to sit back complacently."

Mr Hydari continued:—"It is true that since the agreement of June 3rd and the measures rapidly taken to implement it, there has been some reduction in the prices of cloth; and while I have neard it whispered here and there that the millowners will defeat the objectives of the Government I cannot find it in me to be so cynical as to pay the slightest attention to such a sentiment, nor I think do our people. However, the fact remains that both the industry and the Government are on their trial, and it is by the results achieved that we will be judged.

NEED FOR EARLY DECISION

Such comments as have appeared in the Press and such opinions as I have been able to gather from millowners, merchants and others—all stress the need for an early decision in regard for instance to prices and thus ending the present uncertainty.

The common objectives of Government and the industry for the alleviation of the present difficulties will not be achieved without sacrifice, and it is on the industry that part of the sacrifice must inevitably fall. At the same time, if the industry takes a long view of the future, no one can doubt that the sacrifice now demanded will be repaid and many times over repaid by the goodwill created towards the industry among the people of this country.

I think the composition of the board would create confidence in the country. You are fortunate in that that one of the leaders of the cotton textile industry in the person of Mr. Krishnaraj Thakersey has found it agreeable to accept the Chairmanship of the board; and around him are gathered not only the tried representatives of the textile industry; but the representation also of the other interests concerned has been assumed by men of the highest distinction. You have in Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas a veteran in all that concerns the public good, a Labour leader of the eminence of Mr. N. M. Joshi, the Vice-Chairman of the Indian Central Cotton Committee Sir Chunilal B. Mehta an energetic public personality also in the persons of Mr. Basak Rao from Madras and Mr Hossain Imam who hails from Bihar. The North also sends you in Sir Shri Ram one of her foremost industrialists practised in all the arts of conciliation.

PRICES MUST COME DOWN

"I personally believe that the prices of cloth and yarn must come down by at least 25 par cent., and possibly range between 30 and 40 per cent. below what they have been during the last two or three months, and on a basis of the above price levels, I do not think any one will have reason to complain."

Thus observed Mr. Krishnaraj M. D. Thackersey, Chairman, Textile Control Board, presiding over its first meeting. He however, warned the interests concerned that if those price levels were not maintained, schemes might have to be considered, which might be far more stringent in their application to the manufacturer, the wholesaler and the retailer.

LARGE TOWNS IN S. ITALY EVACUATED?

STOCKHOLM.—"Practically all the large towns of South Italy have been evacuated", according to the Rome correspondent of "Rheinische Westfaelische Zeitung" He claims that one result of this is a decrease in the number of civilian casualties. This correspondent adds that in Naples and other target cities very large shelters are being built in grottos and underground water reservoirs. In Naples alone 130 such shelters can accommodate a quarter million people.—Reuter.

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All-India Weather

POONA, June 28.

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"Swaraj is my birth-right and I will have it".

—TILAK.

The Bombay Chronicle

STARVATION IN BIJAPUR

Recent reports reveal that famine conditions are distressing, in the extreme, in the district of Bijapur. After the years of successive scarcity and famine which the district has had to pass through during the last decade, it has been practically denuded of local stocks of food grains. It was, therefore, incumbent on the Government of Bombay to ensure that Bijapur received regular supplies of grain from outside to feed the people; but adequate supplies do not seem to have reached the district in recent months. It is reported that even these scanty supplies are to be reduced. Mr. Thakkar in his statement published on another page and our Bijapur correspondent in his telegram published last week refer to the reduction that has been effected in the quantity of grain supplied to labour on the famine works and the virtual withholding of sales to others in rural areas. This action on the part of the authorities is altogether inexplicable, for it is bound to aggravate the hardships of the long-suffering rural population of Bijapur. Deaths from starvation were not unknown in the famines which overtook the country in the last decade of the nineteenth century. This calamity has fortunately been averted so far in the famines witnessed in this century, but if Government persist in their policy of reducing the grain supplies of the district, it will not be surprising if these deaths from starvation take place in Bijapur.

Famines, unfortunately, are a matter of frequent occurrence in Bijapur. It is, indeed, a sad commentary on the efficiency of our bureaucracy that when famine was declared by Sir Roger Lumley's Government at the close of 1942, the authorities were unprepared to meet the situation and it took months before relief works providing employment for the starving population could be started in any considerable numbers. But the tale of official bungling does not end there. As Mr. Thakkar points out, even the provisions of the Famine Code, inadequate as they are to meet the situation are set at naught by the local authorities in charge of the works. Chapter and verse are quoted by Mr. Thakkar in support of his criticism of the failings of the official machinery as it functions in this helpless district. The most serious part of the criticism is the persistence of dilatoriness in the payment of wages to labour on the relief works. The effect of this on a resourceless population can well be imagined.

All that has happened in Bijapur during the present famine emphasises the need for a reorientation of Government policy in the matter of fighting famines. The official mind refuses to learn from its past mistakes. It is only a responsible popular administration that can bring to bear a new outlook on the solution of the problems that arise. This is exactly what happened in the Province of Madras during the regime of the Congress Ministry. A Committee with wide terms of reference was appointed by the Ministry to examine the question of famine relief in all its aspects, and the thorough-going manner in which the representative committee set about its task has led to improvements in the general policy and in the administrative machinery such as are sorely needed to-day in the Bombay Province. It seems tragic, for instance, that Bijapur with four large rivers flowing through its lands, should possess no irrigation works for utilizing the waters of these rivers. It is equally tragic to find that, with all the tank excavations and repairs effected in the district in recent years of scarcity and famine, there has been no addition to the paltry area under irrigation during this period. The test of good government comes in matters like this where it has to grapple with problems which make all the difference between life and death for a resourceless population committed to its care. Where does the Government of Bombay stand in the eyes of the starving people of Bijapur?

In South Pacific

Less than two weeks ago a number of air battles were fought in the South Pacific which, along with their results, are regarded by commentators, and rightly so, as portentious. In those two or three battles the Japs lost 144 planes plus 20 probables for an Allied loss which was negligible. And in one of them, fought over Guadalcanar which the Japs raided with a hundred and odd planes, the Americans shot down as many as 94 for six of their own. A number of conclusions have been deduced from the air situation in the Pacific area. The Japs, who had hoped to fight a short war, have recklessly thrown away trained pilots without even keeping a substantial reserve as instructors so that they are now forced to use raw and unskilled men and lose heavily. As Rear Admiral Fitch, Commander of the U. S. Forces in South Pacific, says: "The Japs cannot produce planes to sustain losses ranging from three to fifteen against one and the morale of their pilots must be seriously affected."

And while Jap air strength—as also in fact, their naval and shipping resources—has been progressively deteriorating, that of the Americans has been rapidly increasing. The realisation of this fact probably led them into the recent Guadalcanar disaster. American commentators and Admiral Fitch himself suggest that "the Japs know something is coming. They know that this period of inactivity in the South Pacific cannot last for ever and they are growing increasingly apprehensive. They have to do something so they send down planes to harass us in an attempt to stave off the blow they know is coming." If the analysis of Admiral Fitch is correct, the Japs are caught in a vicious circle. If they try to "harass" the Americans they meet with disaster; if they do not, they allow the preparation of a bigger disaster. But we hope the Americans, both in the South and in the South-West Pacific, are now ready enough and that there is a significant hint in the statement that "the Japs know something is coming." The sooner that something comes now, the better not only because a move against the Japs is overdue but also because such a move will help the Chinese, at least in taking some of the aerial weight off them. This relief is urgently needed.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

China's Misfortune

It is certainly very interesting to learn that the Japanese have suddenly been seized with the one terrible tread of Allied air raids on Tokio and other towns. According to Reuters Tokio radio has started broadcasting urgent warnings of the imminent possibility of such raids and the authorities are carrying out A.R.P. everywhere in the country. If Tokio's information about the recent arrival in China of American planes for that purpose is authentic, developments must be looked forward to with keen interest. Meanwhile, anxiety about the present situation on the Chinese front cannot be lessened by hopes about the future. How much the United Nations have failed China and what difficulties she has to face in consequence are again illustrated by a statement just made by the Chinese Commander on the Yangtse front, General Chen Cheng. According to him, although the Chinese have been closing in for some weeks on Ichang, they would not be able to wrest it from the enemy "with their present equipment." This is bad enough. It is to be hoped that with their poor equipment, the Chinese will at least be able to hold the new drive that the Japs are reported to have begun.

Five-Year Plan For Iran

Ali Soleily, Prime Minister of Iran, revealed in an interview to the "News Chronicle" Teheran correspondent ambitious plans for transforming his country. A five-year plan is being prepared to tackle the agricultural problems while a compulsory education bill and an industrial insurance scheme have been introduced. It is slightly reassuring that American aid is being sought wherever necessary for at least American policy is avowedly against territorial aggrandisement even though it may often smell strongly of financial imperialism. As regards foreign policy the Premier expressed a sincere desire to aid the Allies but hoped earnestly that Britain would respect her independence after the war. We can only endorse the hope: otherwise it would a tragic betrayal of the very basic war-aims of the Allies.

Release Him

The "Hindustan Times" publishes a report from its Lucknow correspondent stating that Mr. R. S. Pandit, brother-in-law of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who is a security prisoner in the Bareilly Central Prison, has been seriously ill for some time. According to the correspondent, while, within the limitations of jail conditions every care is being taken of the patient, it is considered impossible, in the nature of things, to give adequate attention to him in the jail. The fact that Mrs. Pandit was allowed to see her husband a few days ago, though, except in the N. W. F. Province, no interviews with detenus are permitted in any part of the country, including the United Provinces, confirms the report of the seriousness of Mr. Pandit's illness. In view of the nature of Mr. Pandit's illness the United Provinces Government should see that he is released forthwith.

Another Validating Ordinance Challenged

Bombay High Court Admits Appeal And Application Of Two Accused

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Rajadhyaksha).
1. Kantilal Mangaldas, 2. Kanubhai Natvarlal, 3. Budhalal Keshavlal ..... Applicants & (Original Accused.)

Versus.

The Government of Bombay ..... Opponent.

The applicants had been convicted by the Special Judge of Ahmedabad appointed under the Special Criminal Courts Ordinance and sentenced for offences under the Indian Explosives Act, the first applicant to five years' R. I. and the second and third applicants to four years' R. I. respectively.

Thereafter, the Federal Court of India held that the Special Criminal Courts Ordinance, 1942 was invalid Then followed an Ordinance promulgated by the Governor-General repealing the Special Criminal Courts Ordinance of 1942 but validating trials and sentences under it which were to be deemed to have been under the Criminal Procedure Code.

The applicants approached the High Court challenging this Validating Ordinance, which they submitted the Governor-General had no authority to promulgate. They therefore, submitted that the sentences passed upon them were illegal and must be set aside.

Their Lordships admitted the application as well as the appeal filed by the accused which will now come up for argument in due course.

Mr. J. C. Shah appeared for the Accused.

Contempt Of Court Charge Against Govt. Officials

CALCUTTA, June 28.

The rules obtained by Miss Mira Duttagupta M.L.A. and Mrs. Sibnath Banerjee for 'contempt of court' against several high officials of the Government of Bengal, including Mr. J. R. Blair, Chief Secretary and Mr. A. E. Porter, Additional Secretary, Home Department in connection with the arrests of Mr. Niharendu Dutta Mazumdar and Mr. Sibnath Banerjee after their release on June 3 from detention under Rule 26 of D.I.R. were heard to-day before the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court sitting with Mr. Justice Mitter and Mr. Justice Khondkar.

WILL UNDERMINE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

Arguing the counsel for the petitioner Miss Mira Dutta Gupta maintained that the arrest in the corridor of the High Court just outside the court room without showing any warrant or order and without communicating the authority under which the police were acting was a case of clear 'contempt of court' as it was calculated to undermine the confidence of the public in the administration of justice. It was further contended that the way all the detenus were dealt with on that date in spite of the clear order of the court that they should be set at liberty showed that there was a deliberate attempt to interfere with the process of the court.

The hearing was adjourned till to-morrow.—A. P.

ARRESTS IN SURAT

SURAT, June 28: Mr. Mansukhlal Harilal has been arrested near the Surat Railway Station for possessing unauthorised literature.

Two merchants have been prosecuted under the D.I.R. says a message from Vaso, on the charge of charging more than the controlled prices for match boxes and rice.

Ten persons have been arrested in connection with the murder of a policeman about one year back at the village of Patnakuva, says a report from Dahegam.—United Press.

NAGPUR, June 28: Mr. P. K. Tare, a Forward Bloc worker, has been arrested and taken into custody on requisition by Bombay police.

POLICE OFFICER ACQUITTED

KRISHNAGAR, June 28: Agreeing with the unanimous verdict of 'not guilty' returned by the jury, the Sessions Judge, Nadia, acquitted Shyamsundar Ghosh, Sub-Inspector of Ranaghat and Jnanada Prosad Dutta, President of the Dutta Pulia Union, who were tried under Section 303/330, I.P.C on a charge of causing the death of Purna Chandra Nath to extract a confession.—United Press.

REARRESTED

MINSHIGANJ, June 28: In the Barari armed dacoity case, all accused have been discharged, but some of them have been re-arrested under the Defence of India Rules. One accused person has been served with an order of home-internment.—United Press.

CONJEEVARAM, June 27: The police searched two houses and seized some prejudicial literature. Kuppuswamy Naicker and Abhaychand Sowcar were arrested and remanded to custody.—Orient Press

COMMUNIST ACQUITTED

SYLHET, June 28.

"The hoisting of a Congress flag in a vacant place in the absence of any gathering and unaccompanied by any speech or ceremony or demonstration or any other objectionable procedure which might directly help or encourage any activity against the defence of India or the efficient prosecution of war, is too far-fetched for being construed as prejudicial to or to attract the operation of Rule 39(5) of D. I. R."

With these remarks Rai Bahadur N. N. Sen Gupta, Additional District Judge, Sylhet acquitted on appeal Mr. Nirendranath Dev, a Communist worker, who was sentenced to six months R. I. for holding the Congress flag on January 26.—U. P.

PROCESSIONISTS REMANDED TO CUSTODY

BOMBAY, Monday.

Lalji Govind, Mohanlal Lalji bhai, Shambhoo Laxuman and Tricumdas Khimji who were arrested by the Byculla Police for leading a Congress procession were put up to-day before Mr. V. K. Muranjan at the Mazagon Police Court. They were ordered to be remanded into police custody till to-morrow.

SEARCHES IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA :—Nine places in the city were searched by the Special Branch Police on Monday who brought six persons to headquarters for interrogation. —A. P.

G. KRIPALANI ARRESTED

Mr. G. Kripalani, nephew of Acharya Kripalani (Secretary of A.-I. C. C.), was arrested under Rule 129 of D.I.R. on Saturday from his residence at Chaupatty.

U. S. Air Attack On Central Burma

NEW DELHI, June 28.

Bombers of the Tenth U.S. Air Force on June 27 attacked enemy installations in Central Burma, says "communique" issued by Rear Echelon, Headquarters United States Army Forces China, Burma and India. A large formation heavily bombed the cotton mills at Myingyan. Many fires were observed and returning crews reported mills destroyed. Other formations attacked the Sedaw railroad reversing station east of Mandalay.

One June 26 large formation of B-24 heavy bombers again bombed the enemy railroad construction base at Thanbyuzayat south of Moulmein. The destruction of a railroad train by a direct hit was reported. Other heavy bombers attacked targets at Moulmein and on Diamond Island. The saw mills at Moulmein were reported heavily damaged. Damage was claimed on buildings housing radio installations on Diamond Island.—A. P.

R.A.F. ATTACK AKYAB TARGETS

NEW DELHI, June 28.

Yesterday R.A.F. bombers escorted by fighters made three attacks on objectives on Akyab Island, says today's India Command Joint War Communique.

A village in which Japanese troops are quartered was bombed twice and all bursts were observed to be well in the target area. The third attack was directed chiefly against a large enemy-occupied building in Akyab. This target was hit but the smoke which arose from it prevented detailed observation of results.

Fighters carried out offensive patrol over the Mayu Peninsula, Akyab Island and along the lower Chindwin, causing damage to enemy huts and sampans in several places.

From the day's operations one of our aircraft is missing.—A. P.

Service Of Urdu Is Service Of Common Motherland

"Literature cannot be divorced from life. On the contrary it should be expression of life itself. Common literature and common language will be the expression of common national life. It is only on the basis of a common language that all the sections of Indian people can unite without any clash. Urdu is such a common language of India. It is wrong to say that it is a language of the Muslims. Service of Urdu is the service of motherland and of our common culture", declared Malikushi Shara Mahirul Kadiri in a meeting arranged in his honour by the Academy of Islam in Anjumane Islamia Hall.

The poet recited many of his poems which were much appreciated by the audience.

Atiya Begum the convener of the meeting paid a handsome tribute to the poet.

CONGRESSWALA'S CONGRAT. TO DEVDAS

Shapurji Congresswala has sent the following telegram to Devdas Gandhi, Delhi :—"Heartily congratulate on your success in recent appeal in Privy Council. Long live 101 years."

SERIOUS MENACE TO CITY'S HEALTH

City Fathers On Quality Of Cereals Sold At Govt. Shops

The Municipal Corporation on Monday agreed to send the resolution of Prof. S. R. Davar to the Works Committee for report which desired to change the name of Hornby Road to Dadabhoy Nowroji Road in recognition of his eminent life of long service to this country.

The Corporation sent to the Schools Committee for report the Verification Report of the Test Auditor which revealed a number of descrepencies in municipal schools' furniture, etc. "Inter alia" the report stated that it was surprising that when furniture, etc., to the value of several thousands of rupees was purchased year after year, proper accounts of their receipts and issues were not kept.

UNWHOLESOME QUALITY OF FOOD

Mr. N. C. Bharucha then moved the resolution to draw attention of the Government to the deceased and unwholesome quality of cereals sold at the Government grain shops which was a serious menace to the public health.

Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta said that during last Diwali season 20,000 bags of wheat were destroyed from Government godowns as they were unfit for human consumption and at the last Holi time 20,000 bags of wheat flour were destroyed as they too were found unfit for human consumption. He wanted to know the responsibility of the municipality in supervising the sale of unwholesome food.

Further debate was adjourned. Mr B. N. Karanjia presided.

News In Brief

Said Dr. Henry A. Wilson, Bishop of Cheimsford, speaking at a great London meeting on the occasion of the Soviet anniversary: "We greet you, we salute you, we thank you, we remember you in our prayers and we say: God bless and God guide the people of Russia and their great leader. M. Josef Stalin.

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A cheque for £ 40,000 sterling—the first instalment towards the cost of a hospital which the British people are giving to Stalingrad—was handed over to the Soviet Ambassador in London, Mr. Maisky.

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Radio stations in San Francisco area went off the air shortly before 20.00 G.M.T. on the night of June 27. After half an hour of silence the stations resumed broadcasting. There was no explanation. The United States air defence headquarters announced that the approach of "unidentified targets" had caused the 51 minute alert in the San Francisco bay area. The announcement omitted the usual phrase that "the targets were later identified as friendly". No further explanation was given.

WAVELL'S FAREWELL TO ARMED FORCES

NEW DELHI, June 28

In a Farewell Order of the Day to the armed forces in the India Command by Field-Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell, late Commander-in-Chief and now Viceroy-designate, says :—

"His Majesty the King-Emperor has been pleased to call upon me to become Viceroy and Governor-General of India in succession to His Excellency Lord Linlithgow in October next. I have, therefore, laid down the office of Commander-in-Chief in India, but I look forward to the opportunity which has thus been given to me of rendering further service to India and I shall endeavour to the utmost of my ability to discharge faithfully my new responsibilities to the King-Emperor and to the Indian people.

"General Auchinleck, who is now again your Commander-in-Chief is well-known to you all by his achievements on the battlefields of this war and by his long service with the Indian army.

"During the two years in which I have had the honour to be your commander, India has faced greater perils from without than at any time in the past 200 years. Although these dangers have not been removed, they have been held in check and Indian soil has been preserved from enemy invasion. Great efforts are still needed to bring war to a successful conclusion and to remove from Asia the threat of Japanese domination. We will all work together to bring this about.

"I thank you all for the loyal service which you have given under my command, and I send you my good wishes in whatever task you may be called upon to undertake.—A. P.

Pensions To Widows And Children Of Indian Soldiers

Pensions are paid to widows and children of Indian soldiers as follows :—

	Widow Per month Rs.	Each Child Per month Rs.
Subedar Major Subedar	50	4
Jemadar	25	4
Non-Commissioned Officer Sepoy	8	2
Non-combatant	6	1½

CUTTACK: The recommendation that invitations to more than 30 persons to a meal at any social function should be made punishable, was made by the Orissa public relations committee at its meeting held.

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ing, no doubt. But couldn't the President have "certified" his veto and thus overridden Congress?

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"All America", we understand further, "is watching the White House for the next move."

Apparently they in America have no Defence of the United States Rules or Ordinance making powers in a President-determined Emergency.

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WITHOUT COMMENT—

"I say to the Christian bishops, priests and people of Russia 'we greet you, we salute you, we thank you, we remember you in our prayers and we say, God bless and God guide the people of Russia and their great leader, M. Joseph Stalin."

—The Bishop of Chelmsford.

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You would perhaps feel inclined to refuse the evidence of your eyes and subject the poor things to a vigorous and as we know from personal experience, painful rubbing. You would then discover that your doubts, though natural, were wrong. And you would most probably explain, "Even Dr. Sir Shafaat Ahmad Khan the knightly representative of Ind—sorry, of the Government of India in South Africa has turned." You might even play with the idea of hailing him and so on.

But you mustn't. You must take a larger, broader and, yes, human view of the Shafaat Ahmad's surprise at the South African Congress. By denouncing the Pegging Act in the name of righteousness, justice, civilisation and humanity—all the abracadabra for which the war is being fought—he has attempted to disrupt the solidarity of the United Nations of which South Africa—contribution: two and a half divisions—is such an important member.

Moreover, what WILL poor embarrassed Lord Linlithgow say to that wise Imperial statesman, General Smuts?

We think His Excellency should recall Sir Shafaat in disgrace and apologise at least privately to the Wise Imperial statesman.

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The Privy Council, as you know, has allowed the "Hindustan Times" appeal against the Allahabad High Court's judgment.

That is not altogether unexpected.

But while we don't question the right of the Privy Council to go against the Allahabad High Court, we do certainly object to its permitting Mr. D. N. Pritt to say what he is reported to have said.

And we strongly protest the All-India Radio giving publicity to the Privy Council's judgment.

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As a result of Congress overriding of his veto re: the Anti-Strike Bill, President Roosevelt "is facing the severest domestic crisis since the start of the war."

It is very sad and very alarm-

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Oil too must flow in an unceasing stream to the yards and shops engaged on war production and still more oil to drive and lubricate the machines which they turn out. Oil must reach the power houses that give us light, the looms that clothe us, the flour mills that feed us, the omnibuses that take us to work.
But oil itself needs steel—steel for its containers—casks, drums, tins and cans. In times of peace there was steel in plenty to replace old containers—in war there is not; their conservation is thus a vital necessity. An idle receptacle is as useless as a buried currency note and both soon become unfit for circulation.
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PROGRESS OF ASIAN ASSURANCE CO., LTD.

Steady Improvement In Quantity And Quality Of Business In Triennium (1940-42)

The following is the speech delivered by Mr. Ghanshamdas N. Rajpal, the Chairman of the Asian Assurance Co., Ltd., at its Thirty-Second Ordinary Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 28th June 1943.

Gentlemen

From the schedule in the Directors' Report even a layman will understand that the Company has made excellent progress in the three years for which figures are given. To the expert however these figures will have an even greater significance, more particularly the figures referring to the expense ratio.

Mr. Ghanshamdas N. Rajpal, Chairman of the Asian Assurance Co., Ltd.

You will notice that new business has increased by almost 15 lacs this year. You will be pleased to know that the average policy which was Rs. 1,711|- in 1940 and rose to Rs. 2,102|- in 1941. has been further increased to Rs. 2,500|- in 1942. This is sufficient indication that, not only the quantity, but also the quality of business has steadily improved. The position of business at present compared that for the corresponding period last year is considerably better. With the brighter war prospects for the United Nations and victory in sight, I anticipate that this tendency will develope to our advantage. As regards the Company's funds there is a satisfactory increase in the total income and a substantial increase in the Life Fund and Assets. The assets of the Company have increased by over Rs. 14 lacs in 1942 as against an increase of a little less than Rs. 11 1|2 lacs in 1941. The assets of the Company now stand at over Rs. 1,27,00,000 -.

Coming now to the expense ratio, it is important to note that the expense ratio has been reduced in spite of the substantial increase in new business. In these days when the rate of interest which Companies may hope to earn on their funds is diminishing each year, the reduction in the expense ratio is of vital importance. In fact, I may call it the acid test by which to judge the progress of a Company Shareholders and policyholders will be glad to know that in this matter your Directors have exercised the utmost vigilance.

There is one outstanding matter in the report that must have attracted your attention, namely, the commencement of Fire and Miscellaneous departments. I am sure it has been the long cherished desire of all of you to see that the Company enter into the wider field of general insurance. I must make it clear however that the Directors are not out to secure spectacular results in this field. Your Directors will follow the policy of steady and solid progress, and I hope you will endorse such a policy and not expect that, in the immediate future, very big results should be achieved in these departments. Only by such a policy of caution and careful underwriting will it be possible for the Company to establish these departments firmly.

But having once done so these departments will contribute substantially to the progress of the Company.

Last year I had occasion to remark that the results achieved as shown in the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts were greatly appreciated by shareholders, policyholders and well-wishers of the Company. I need not add that this year's report has received no less appreciation from all quarters. Our Company stands very high in the Insurance world and I am confident that with the present rate of progress and with your co-operation this Company will stand second to none in the matter of service, security and other benefits that it can afford to policyholders.

The Directors' Report and the Audited Revenue Account and Balance Sheet for 31st December, 1942, were adopted.

Dr. T. M. Kajiji, Mr. Narayandas Bhagwandas and Mr. Gopaldas U. Chhabria were duly re-elected as Directors of the Company.

Messrs. B. P. Gharda & Co. were appointed as Auditors of the Company.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

	1940	1941	1942
New Business	60,20,015	70,29,533	84,40,733
Total Income	24,69,086	26,56,161	28,11,591
Assets	1,01,35,713	1,12,83,524	1,27,38,507
Expense Ratio	28.81	25.42	23.94
Renewal Expense Ratio	19.32	13.67	11.85

Coroner's Jury Orders Prosecution Of Suspects

The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of death due to homicidal stab wounds at the inquest on Shahagul Faizullakhan, who was working as a labourer in the Chola Power House, in Kalyan. The jury recommended that, Devsingh Amarsingh, and Devram Devdatta, who are suspected to have stabbed the deceased, should be prosecuted for murder.

HAINES ROAD CEMETERY UNDER WATER

The Executive Health Officer, Bombay Municipality writes:—

I have to inform you that on account of the recent floods experienced in the City owing to heavy rains Cemetery No. 63 at Haines Road has remained under water making it impracticable to bury the dead taken there. As this condition is not known to all members of the public, the funeral parties taking bodies there are put to much inconvenience. The cemetery is likely to remain under water for a week more and in order to save troubles to the public I shall be obliged if you would find a place for the accompanying notice in the to-morrow's issue of your newspaper.

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BOMBAY HINDU SABHA'S PROTEST

Resolutions were passed by the Working Committee of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha on Sunday declaring that the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha has nothing to do with the organisation called "All-India Anti-Pakistan Front" recently started by Lieut. D. L. Patwardhan and condemning "the announcement of the Sind Government contemplating prescription of the Fourteenth Chapter of "Satyarth-Prakash" the Sacred Book of the Aryasamajists, protesting against any such contemplated action of the Sind Government and urging H. E. the Governor of Sind and H. E. the Viceroy to advise the Sind Government to give up such unjust and anti-Hindu attitude".

RANJEET SINGH ANNIVERSARY

(From A Correspondent).

Under the auspices of Akali Dal, Bombay, 104th anniversary of Shree Punjab Mharaja Ranjeet Singh was celebrated at Gurudwara Akali Dal, Bombay on Sunday. Speeches on the life and achievements of the great Mharaja were delivered by Giani Amar Singh and Jathedar Kartar Singh.

S. Jaswant Singh also spoke.

STOCKS OF COTTON SEED ORDERED TO BE FREEZED

The Government of Bombay has issued an order freezing stocks of cotton seed exceeding 10 bags in quantity within Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District. Applications for release of the frozen stock should be made to the Director of Civil Supplies, Secretariat, Bombay.

"ABSCONDER" ARRESTED

BOMBAY, Monday.

For absconding with bales of cloth worth Rs. 5,000, with which he was entrusted, with instructions to deliver them at Mangaldas Market, Jan Mahomed Umer, a hand-cartman of Bombay was arrested at Cutch, brought down to Bombay and put up today before Mr. V. K. Muranjan who ordered his remand into police custody.

City And Suburbs

TODAY

Hindu: Jeth Vad 12, 1999
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Akher 25, 1362
Parsi: Deh 28. 1312
Sunrise: 7-5 a.m.; Sunset 6-17 p.m.
Hightide: 10-27, 21-59.
Lowtide: 3-36. 16-21.

Domestic Occurrence

UTHAMNA CEREMONY

SAUGAR:—Sorabji Pestonji, L. M. E. (Bombay), M.I.M.E. (England), (Retired Chief Marine Engineer), aged 72, Husband of Najamai, father of Jerbanoo (Advocate), Shera, and Nariman (Sub-Inspector, B. C. P.), expired Sunday 9-30 a.m. Uthamna ceremony at 4-30 p.m. (N. I. S. T.) at Khambatta House, 8, Alexandra Road, New Gamdevi.

TODAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

THE GATHA SOCIETY:— Public meeting of the Society will be held today (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.) at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, 136, Apollo Street, Fort when Mr. Sorabji Nowroji Kanga, will speak in Gujarati on "Idea of God as given by Zarathushtra". (Contd.) and "What sort of men will there be at the final Hazaras of the Ristakhiz".

BANKERS' CLEARING HOUSE:— Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 25th June 1943 were as under:—Number of Cheques 1,11,810; Amount of Cheques 29,78,74,389-13-8.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT:—A meeting at the Labour Welfare Centre, Arthur Road, Bombay, at 3 p.m. Mr. P. M. Raje, Mr. B. R. Kadrekar and the Labour Officer in charge will speak.

RS. 200 FINE FOR NON-DECLARATION OF STOCK

BOMBAY, Monday.

Mr. K. J. Khandalawala, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagon Police Court, convicted to-day Mohamed Cassum, Proprietor, Salvi Restaurant and ordered him to pay a fine of Rs. 200 or in default undergo two weeks' R. I., for failing to declare a stock of ghee on 19th January. The stock was held by him on the 17th January.

Universal Love And Brotherhood, Aim Of Scouting Movement

The importance of the scout movement in the development of Indian national life was stressed by various speakers at a meeting of the South Bombay District Association of the Hindustan Scout Association, which inaugurated its fifth year's work at the Blavatsky Lodge on Sunday evening. Mrs. Hansa Mehta, the newly-elected chairman of the Association, presided.

In the course of her brief address Mrs. Mehta stated that the scout movement was not restricted to students only. It was a universal movement having as its basis universal love and brotherhood. Its object was not merely to train for leadership, but to train men and women for life so that they might become useful citizens. 'Be useful to each other", was the moto of every scout. This object, however, could not be attained by gymnasiums and 'akhadas'. The spirit of brotherliners was to be inculcated in those who joined the movement. The Association had its own programme for the year, and she appealed all interested in the movement to make that programme a success.

Mr. N. T. Vyas, the Assistant District Commissioner of the Association, stressed the psychological significance of scouting. He also emphasized the need of spreading the scout spirit among students, without which, education was incomplete.

Mrs. Sayami referred to the satisfactory progress made by the Girl's Scouting Section of the Association.

Mr. Vaidya referred to the important part played by scouting in building up the character of the rising generations.

Mr. S. S. Dave read the report of the Association's activities during the last year, which showed that the total of all ranks was 1605, of which 1124 were on the Boys' Section, and 481 on the Girls' Section. For the next year, said the speaker, the executive committee had outlined a programme, consisting of a series of week-end instruction classes for scouts in first-class tests, and proficiency badges, and a number of week-end camps.

The Half-Column "By Dim"

Sometime last week I raved about the 20th Century Fox picture THE MOON IS DOWN. Last Saturday I forgot that picture, and a dozen others I may have raved about, as I left the Metro after seeing CASABLANCA. This picture hits a very high mark. Only once before do I remember feeling a cold sweat run down me while seeing a motion picture. It happened in A STAR IS BORN when Janet Gaynor uttered the last line. It happened again last Saturday as Victor Lazlo, the Czech underground leader, went up to the band and asked them to play the Marseillaise. This one moment told me more about the war than all the propaganda pictures put together. I think the Metro should hold this picture for a second week and even a third. I am certain it will run to packed houses. Even the end is so perfect as Humphrey Bogart and Claude Rains walk into the fog and Bogart says: "You know I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship". It was the meeting of two men who had found their souls. One other thing I want you to mark—the cut on Lazlo's eye. Nobody tells you through that picture how he got that cut. Nobody has to tell you. It's before you all the time.

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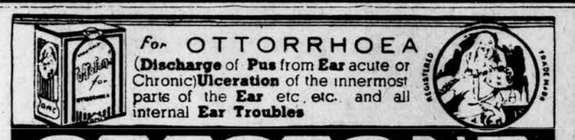
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